

## OPINION 726

## JOVELLANIA BAYLE, 1879 (CEPHALOPODA): VALIDATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Trigonodema* Laporte, 1843, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Jovellania* Bayle, 1879 (gender : feminine), type-species, by original designation, *Orthoceratites buchi* de Verneuil, 1850, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1666.

(3) The specific name *buchi* de Verneuil, 1850, as published in the binomen *Orthoceratites buchi* (type-species of *Jovellania* Bayle, 1879) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2066.

(4) The family-group name JOVELLANIIDAE Foord, 1888 (type-genus *Jovellania* Bayle, 1879) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 388.

(5) The generic name *Trigonodema* Laporte, 1843 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1756.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1511)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Walter C. Sweet in November 1961. Dr. Sweet's application was sent to the printer on 6 December 1961 and was published on 10 September 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 323–324. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to three palaeontological serials. The proposals were supported by Robert H. Hansman.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 1 July 1964 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (64)12 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 323–324. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 1 October 1964 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-one (21) received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Lemche, Bonnet, Binder, Boschma, Riley, Vokes, do Amaral, Uchida, Tortonese, Mayr, Obruchev, Jaczewski, Evans, Ride, Forest, Brinck, Mertens, Kraus, Hubbs.

Negative votes—one (1): Sabrosky.

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Munroe.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Borchsenius, Simpson.

Commissioners Alvarado, Miller and Stoll returned late affirmative votes.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

Mr. C. W. Sabrosky (22.ix.64): "I oppose a ruling on a situation that does not exist. *Trigonodema* is apparently a nomen dubium, and I would leave it so."

Dr. Carl L. Hubbs (1.x.64): "This seems to be a proper decision, and one that probably needs to be made in view of the indecision *re nomina oblita*."

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*buchi*, *Orthoceratites*, de Verneuil, 1850, *Bull. Soc. géol. France* (2) 7 : 778

*Jovellania* Bayle, 1879, *Explic. Carte géol. France* 4, Atlas (1): pl. 35

JOVELLANIIDAE Foord, 1888, *Cat. foss. Cephal. B.M.* (1): 328

*Trigonodema* Laporte, 1843, *Essai sur le système silurien de L'Amerique septentrionale*: 27

#### CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (64)12 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 726.

W. E. CHINA  
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*London*

25 November 1964